

Western-Shore, setting forth, that they had been unable to procure the subscriptions required for a sufficient number of Visitors on or before the first of June, 1785, the time limited by the act, which was immediately taken into consideration, and leave was given to bring in a bill in conformity to the prayer of the petition by a majority of 35 against 26. On the 22d a bill was brought in, and afterwards enacted into a law, by which any seven or more Visitors and Governors of the said college, if chosen on or before the 1st day of March, 1786, together with any four or more of the agents, appointed in virtue of the act for founding the college, were authorized and directed to do and perform, all such acts and things, as by the said act might have been done and performed, if seven or more Visitors and Governors, had been chosen on or before the 1st day of June, 1785—and any nine Visitors and Governors, chosen agreeably to the said act, were authorized to do all such acts as might have been done by thirteen or more, chosen on or before the said first day of June.

An additional supplement was soon after brought in and passed into a law, by which any nine or more Visitors and Governors, elected as aforesaid, were authorized to draw (for two years only) on the treasury, for the whole or any part of the donation of seventeen hundred pounds, granted annually to the college by the General Assembly.

This donation having been made expressly for the purpose of paying salaries to the Professors, &c. could not with propriety be received until the college was built, but by the assistance of this act, it will probably be of considerable service, as it is to be applied in aid of the other funds for the erection of this seminary, and by accelerating the time of its completion, will render the most essential service to the community.

It must give considerable satisfaction to the lovers and promoters of literature, to find that by this seasonable interposition of the Legislature, and the meritorious exertions of the gentlemen concerned, this institution is now firmly established, and that we may look forward to the time when we shall educate among ourselves, a set of men who will be able to conduct the public business, with reputation to themselves and advantage to the State.

A sufficient number of Visitors and Governors having met at Annapolis on the 1st of March, made choice of that city for the